varieties HPS 1/13 and C/3 have been recommended for cultivation. Further work on agrotechniques and physiology of seed is under way at the Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla.

(c) TPS technology is being popularized through demonstrations, training programmes, release of extension/technical bulletins besides distribution of TPS/TPS seeding tubers to the farmers.

Assistance for losses due to heavy rains in Tamil Nadu

2477. SHRIMATI VYJAYANTI-MALA BALI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount of loss suffered in Tamil Nadu state due to recent heavy rains;

(b) the details of the relief measures undertaken by the State Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of assistance given by the State Government and what relief amount has been sought by the State Government from the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected.

योजनागत व्यय का गैर-योजना कार्यों में उपयोग

2478. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:
श्री ईश दत्त यादव:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कृषि मंत्रालय में योजनागत व्यय का गैर योजना कार्यों में उपयोग किया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कुलकितने योजनागत व्यय को गैर-योजना कार्यों में उपयोग किया गया और उसके क्या कारण थे?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान योजनागत से कुल 469.43 लाख रुपए की राशि को गैर-योजनागत कार्यों में उपयोग किया गया। इस धनराशि के किया गया। एक बड़े भाग का उपयोग देश को टिड्डियों से होने वाले खतरों का सामना करने तथा उससे संबंधित कार्यों पर व्यय

योजनागत निधियों को इस प्रकार गैर-योजनागत कार्यों में उपयोग करने का कारण गैर-योजनागत बजट में निधियों की कमी तथा तुरन्त ऐसी आवश्यकता का होना था जिसके लिए इन निधियों का उपयोग किया गया।

Change in the Cropping Pattern

2479. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any change in the cropping pattern during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the cropped area is increasing in favour of export oriented agricultural products; and

(c) if so, what will be the impact of such a change on the food security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) There is no significant change in the cropping pattern during the last three years;

(b) There is only marginal increase in area under horticulture crops which have export potential. As regards foodgrains, there is some increase in area under fine quality of rice variety and durum wheat which have also export potential.

(c) The area under rice and wheat, the two major foodgrains, has not shown any declining trend during the last three years. The marginal increase in area in some of the export oriented crops will not have any adverse impact on food security of the country.

Findings of Inter-Ministerial Working Group on the Level of Food Production

2480. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings of the inter-